

Date: August 13, 2015
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Willard City Hall, 80 W 50 S, Willard, UT 84340
Attendance: Mayor Kenneth Braegger, Council members Robert Beebe, Del Fredde, Michelle Mund, Mike Crossley and Josh Braegger, Recorder Teri Fellenz, City Planner Bryce Wheelwright

Excused:

Others: (see attached for others)

1. Call to Order- 6:38 p.m.

a. Invocation

b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Open Comment Period (Individuals have three minutes for open comments. If required, items may be referred to department heads for resolution. Items requiring action by the City Council will be placed on the agenda for a future meeting.) Mayor Braegger asked if there were any comments from the public.

Fred Ward – 235 S Main – Stated he is curious about the substantial tax increase. He stated he reviewed his tax notices from 2005 to last year and Willard City general taxes increased 20%. He said he was curious as to what they were going to do with the increase and what they are going to spend it on. He said what is your excuse for raising taxes and what are you going to spend it on. Mayor Braegger and City Recorder Teri Fellenz stated there is a presentation that will be given before the public hearing. He stated he is opposing it and it has already gone up 20% in the last 9 years. He stated he has another question of the Mayor and City Council member and it is a 2 part question. He said the sewer bill is \$59.50 and asked if they are paying that amount and if they are hooked up. He said we'll start with Fredde and go from left to right.

Council member Fredde stated he is hooked up and pays \$59.50. Council member Mund stated she is hooked up and pays \$59.50. Council member Crossley said yes. Mayor Braegger said yes, is not hooked up, but pays \$59.50 per month like everyone else. Fred Ward stated a while back you sent a letter out as Mayor and said everyone needed to hook up. He then directed the question to Council member Braegger who responded he is hooked up and pays \$59.50. Council member Beebe stated he is hooked up and pays \$59.50. He stated he needs objective evidence they are paying and that is all he is saying.

Katherine Price - 412 W Center – Stated she has not pulled all of her tax records since they have been here in 2000 and every year it keeps going up and up and up and from last year to the proposal the total between the County and the proposal her taxes are going up \$333.19. She stated she is trying to figure out like everyone else why? She stated they are struggling as it is to make ends meet and wants to know what the gravel pits are paying and what the other businesses are paying. Several of the Council members noted the gravel pits are in the county. Katherine asked about the \$1.00 per truck they are paying and that would help greatly in alleviating Willard's problem with our sewer. She stated she is on sewer and wished they were back on septic.

Ted Baird – 175 W Center – He stated he thinks on the survey sent around a while ago,

everyone said they wanted more commercial, but they didn't want residential growth. He stated he's been around Fruit Heights when it was not much of a city, he's been around Denver when it wasn't much of a city and as soon as all the residents came then the commercial came. He said, so you got to have the residents. He asked so how do you get the residents to come to Willard. You have to change the zoning ordinances. He stated half-acre lots are a thing of the past. He said sure, some subdivisions should be half acre because people that want to take care of that much land ought to have that much land even though a lot of people don't now. He stated he knows the real estate business and when you get quarter acre lots you'll get the new first time home buyers start moving in. You'll get professional people like they do in north Brigham City on the old golf course where his son lives. They have quarter acre and third acre lots and they have a bunch of white collar and blue collar professionals that moved in there. It is a great neighborhood they pay a lot of taxes. He stated that supports the commercial business and the commercial business supports the town. He stated once you get the smaller lots, fees will be collected and you'll get more taxes, and you'll get more people paying on the sewer so we as a small group won't have to. Build up the residential and the commercial will come. You can't just keep raising taxes to your existing residents, you need more residents. Ted Baird stated a lot of people can't take care of a half-acre lot and as he drives around this town he is disgusted at all the lots that aren't cleaned up. He said other cities he's been in, they clean up those lots. He said they put liens on the property. He said sure they don't get immediate money from cleaning up the lots, but the town looks better. He said he knows lots in Fruit Heights that were cleaned up year after year after year and eventually they were sold and the money collected. So you clean up the lots, but you go around town and see lots with 3 ft. weeds growing on them. He said he understands the City has an ordinance and they ought to clean up the lots.

Bernard Baker – 258 W Center – Stated he would like to answer Mr. Baird. The developer down West Center Street between 400 and 500 West has more weeds on lots that are for sale than you can count a stick at and maybe the developer should do some work on that too. Ted Baird he would answer and said that maybe the owners of the lots should clean them up, because all the lots are sold and it isn't the developer's lots anymore. People own them and the City ought to clean them up and put a lien on them before they build and collect the money.

Someone stated that maybe we ought to worry about our own little selves before we worry about everyone else. We'll get way off track complaining about everyone else's property and what it looks like and focus on the tax stuff.

10:30 Johnathon Miller – 110 S 200 W – Stated the question he has is what are the other options besides this property tax that are on the table. He said he knows the City owns property east of the gravel pits that could be used for gravel potentially. He said he knows there are people that don't like that option, but we are already committed to death and we need to deal with it. His question is: What are the other options that are on the table, that may not be favorable, but he likes some of the options that are being put out but he'd like to see what all of the options are. He asked if there was any comment from the Council. Mayor Braegger stated they did not have any comment at this time, but they appreciated his comments.

Mayor Braegger asked if there was any other comments before they closed the open comment period. It was noted there would be a time for public comment regarding the tax increase after the presentation on the budget.

Lynn White – 69 W 200 N – Stated he would like to comment on additional housing in Willard. He said there is a factor called Limited Factors. He explained water is the prime limiting factor. He stated if they are going to put in more houses they are going to have to have more water,

so that needs to be considered.

Dennis Stapley – 1112 N Main Street – Stated he called the City about a problem with a skunk around their house about 2 or 3 nights a week and he asked if there was a place he could borrow and rent a trap and they told him no to just shoot it. Then he found out about 6 months later there were some young men less than 20 yards off of Highway 89 shooting shotguns shooting up birds. He asked what the rules are about shooting within the City. What would happen when they are caught. He said he was surprised they told him to shoot the skunk.

Quinn Barker - 235 S 100 W – Stated the fellow next to him has a whole bunch of pigeons and they were having problems with the skunks. He stated he has cats and the neighbor accused his cats of getting his pigeons. Quinn stated he went out with a flashlight one night and scared off a skunk. A while later he went back out and found the skunk in the pigeon house eating the pigeons. He called the police here in Willard and he said go ahead and shoot it. If it is a menace you can shoot it. Quinn's son, Dustin, added the officer said they should use a smaller caliber.

Mayor Braegger stated the correct answer is to trap them in a trap and drowned them. He stated the ordinance as it is says they cannot shoot within 600 ft. of any building. He said if they choose to shoot them they would do so at their own risk of being caught.

Police Chief Jean Loveland stated the current ordinance allows shotguns to be used during upland game season and they still have to abide by all the State hunting regulations. She said as far as skunks and raccoons getting into chickens and other animals that they give them a heads up and they not use a high powered rifle. She stated shotguns work well, but they need to be aware of their surroundings and houses around and they do it in a safe direction. She was also asked if they could protect their gardens from raccoons and skunks and she said yes.

Mayor Braegger thanked the Chief and asked if there were any other comments. He then closed the public comment period.

PUBLIC HEARING

To hear public comment on the proposed property tax increase. The proposed increase for a \$182,000 residence would increase from \$95.40 to \$153.15, which is \$57.75 per year.

City Recorder Teri Fellenz gave the attached presentation regarding the budget and tax increase. She explained the different funds of the City Budget. She explained the General Fund is funded from taxes, fines and forfeitures, grants, Class C road funds, and charges for permits and licenses. She also explained the Water and Sewer Funds are separate funds operated by user fees charged to those that use the service. She explained to increase property taxes that fund the general fund a Truth in Taxation hearing is required. She further explained the noticing requirements and showed the advertisements that were published in the Box Elder News Journal. Teri showed the difference between the advertisements and explained the joint ad by the County uses a median property value of \$162,500 and the single ad uses the Willard City median property value of \$182,000. She also explained the advertisements are done through the State Tax Commission following very specific rules. She pointed out the difference in percentages between the Willard City ad and the Box Elder School District ad and noted that the 2.93% for the School District dollar amount is almost equal to the 61% dollar amount for Willard City. She explained the certified property tax rate is set by information provided by the State Tax Commission and the County Auditor. She also stated Willard City has not proposed a tax increase prior to 1996 and the proposed increase would generate \$54,450 in operating revenue that would be used to offset costs of fuel,

materials, benefits, etc. associated with the General Fund. It would also be used to fund additional hours of part-time officers to provide more coverage and to replace personal protective equipment for the fire department that was originally purchased with grant funds that are no longer available or are lesser amounts. Fred Ward said that was not necessarily true because as property values go up so does the amount of revenue and he said that has gone up 20% in the last 9 years. Mayor Braegger explained so does the cost of living and the cost of everything. Fred Ward stated the City should keep expenses down.

Discussion was held on the nearly 30 year old carpet in the City Hall, hand me down furniture, and the aging vehicles. The Council noted they did purchase a used snow plow. Council member Braegger stated they went from an 80 something to a 90 something model and they still require maintenance. Council member Beebe added the one it replaced is costing a great deal of money to maintain. Fred Ward stated that's why you have maintenance people so you can watch the budget and satisfy the citizens. Teri Fellenz commended the maintenance department on the way they do maintain the equipment and facilities in the City. She cited the aging sprinkler system at the East Park and the number of man hours spent to repair the lines. She stated they have made do with what they have and they have stretched the dollars as far as they can go.

Teri Fellenz went on to explain property tax is the only control they have. She stated fines & forfeitures may also go up with more coverage. She commended the Police Department on keeping the truck traffic on the freeway. She also explained different types of citations have different surcharges. She explained a Parks & Recreation citation has a 90% surcharge so on a \$100 citation the City only retains \$10. She also explained a few years ago most of the revenue from citations was from the port of entry. She explained they have taken a teaching or informing approach and have not issued any citations.

Robert Hatton stated they have done a good job at explaining why it is needed and he understands that. He stated his big concern that all of us have is that he has a business here in town and if you look at his business revenue from what it was 5 years ago it is down 20%. He stated, obviously his budget he is trying to live on, is shrinking as well. He still has the same problems that they have. He still have to buy the supplies to do the work and so when they get into the taxation situation its ok here's another squeeze of some money and where am I going to get it. He stated he thinks that's everyone's big concern. There are a lot that live on less money and fixed incomes. Teri stated there is a program available for those low income individuals. The programs are through the State and administered by the County Assessor's office.

Mayor Braegger asked Maintenance Supervisor Doug Thompson what year the backhoe was. Doug responded 1997. The Mayor asked how many hours and Doug responded about 4800 hours. Mayor Braegger then stated that it breaks down often. He said we're all in the same boat trying to get by with what we have and the City Council is trying to provide the best service they possibly can for the least amount of money. He explained it is tough to do with equipment that is broken. He explained in the heat of the moment when the water is down the citizens don't care if the backhoe is broken they care that the water isn't coming out of their tap. He stated they looked at other sources of revenue and they were shot down for those that were present for the big gravel pit meeting, nobody wanted that. When the recent survey was sent out the majority of the people said taxes was the best idea for generating revenue. He said that is where we are, we are \$50,000 short in the City budget. He said this is not going toward huge raises and the employees are lucky to get cost of living. He said they are not rich individuals. He stated the Council is not padding their pockets with their tax dollars.

Council member Mund stated the night before there was a School Board meeting where they raised taxes. She said 12 people attended the meeting. She said look how many are here and obviously you care and the Council cares about them. She continued saying the School Board raises taxes every year and there were 2 that spoke for it and 4-6 against. She stated it amazes her that it is OK for the School Board to do it and there are 40 people that come out when the City wants to raise taxes and asked why they weren't at the meeting last night.

Council member Braegger stated he wanted to ask the Box Elder County Assessor, Tom Kotter, about the percentage of the total property tax bill that goes to the School Board and what amount goes to Willard City. Tom responded county wide about 60% goes to the School District and 5-10% goes to the municipalities. Teri Fellenz stated Willard is on the low end and gave some comparison of the proposed rates with other cities in the county.

Heidi Beames stated she had a quick question and stated she came really ready to be opposed. She said you do have to have money to run things. She stated she does like to have the streets plowed and has lived where they weren't plowed and it was not fun. She asked if there was a plan to make a loan from the General Fund to the Water or Sewer Funds. Teri Fellenz responded it was just to cover the expenses of the services provided by the General Fund.

Mayor Braegger explained the Sewer Fund was an issue a while ago because we were coming up short. He stated Council member Fredde and he had been working with the State and they are reworking the financial portion of the loan and that will help us out for a few years. He stated it is not taking the burden away it is just delaying it. It is still a 0% interest loan so it is not costing more money but it is delaying the payments in hopes of more growth before they get hit with the larger payments. Teri also explained she felt when the gravel pit information was proposed there was not enough information given about how the budget works and apologized for that. She explained they have seen some growth and the last of the 2014-15 fiscal year there were three new home applications which brings in revenue in impact fees for sewer and water. A question was asked if there were any freedoms given up with the refinance. Mayor Braegger stated they did not and the State had treated them fine and were very good to us. He said they are interested in seeing our sewer program successful and making it work. Teri also explained some maintenance that will be required on the sewer lines. They have to be cleaned and videoed.

Robert Hatton stated the reason everyone is there is the shock factor of 61%. Teri agreed and stated that the times the City considered raising taxes were times such as 2003 when they drilled a new well and raised water rates. Then there was the sewer project and a \$42 bill no one had before. The City Councils at those times decided to cut expenses as much as possible and make do rather than raise taxes. It was also discussed the difference in percentages of the school board and the City and the dollar amount is about the same and the noticing is something that is mandated by law and the format is set by the State Tax Commission.

Brandi Leifsen stated her concern is the 60% on top of the \$25,000 increase on the value of her property. She also asked what the average police force size is for a community our size. Teri stated she did not know. Someone said Perry City has 5 fulltime officers and several part time. Brandi then stated she attended 4-5 meetings in the last year and she couldn't help but

notice they never voted no when it came to spending money. A fire truck that was a great deal and they decided to get it. Council member Fredde noted he did vote no on the fire truck. Teri asked if there was anything that stood out as far as the spending. Brandi said it seemed the attitude like when it came to the toys, the snowplow, the fire truck it was like oh, ok. And when the police force needs a server upgrade or a software upgrade and when the ambulance need a safe it was kind of like um, the toys just seemed to be more important. Fire Chief Van Mund explained the safe was for narcotics they carry in the trucks and the fire truck is a 1980's fire truck, it is not brand new. Teri also noted as far as the snow plow, there is a safety factor for the employees and we need to make sure they are safe. Council member Beebe stated they have spent over \$14,000 over the last 2 ½ years on the black snow plow. He said the maintenance personnel have welded it back together on two occasions. He explained when it was rewired by the local diesel shop they found it had been previously wired with extension cords. He stated if it were not for the Mayor's contacts it would have cost an additional \$4000-\$5000. He went on to say after all that the transmission is now going out. Additional discussion was held on the equipment.

Teri Fellenz explained we as the community are very fortunate to not only have a well-trained firefighters and they were very instrumental in extinguishing the fire in Perry last week, but they are also medically trained. There are EMT's and Intermediate EMT's. Chief Mund stated only a couple are EMT's the others are AEMT's. He stated they respond to about 200 medical calls a year and they do not get paid for medical calls he said the patients receive an extra 5-10 minutes of care prior to the ambulance arriving. Teri asked if there were any additional questions or if they were ready to open the comment period.

Fred Ward asked if we pay a fee to ISO for certification. Teri responded they do not pay a fee for certification.

Ted Baird stated the City does real well. He said our taxes went up 20% income has gone down by 20% just like everyone else. What are you going to do so we are not sitting here 5 years from now. There is only one way to do it, nobody wants more people. Teri Fellenz explained when the sewer system went in there was a 300 home subdivision in the approval process. It was approved in 2007 and we know what happened subsequent to that, nothing grew. Willard does have a planned development ordinance that does allow ¼ acre lots and we have a sewer system. She stated she agreed when rooftops come, commercial comes but residential is also high cost development to the City. Council member Mund stated they are not anti-growth. Teri also noted there is a 140 lot subdivision approved and the first phase is in for approval with 33 homes.

Judy Ipsen stated she did not recall seeing anything in the newsletter and asked if she missed. It. Teri responded there are specific legal requirements that must be followed. Judy stated she gets the newsletter every month and reads it and feels there should have been more about it in the newsletter. Teri stated there is also information on the State of Utah public meeting notice website and there is a link on the City website to the State website. She also noted residents could subscribe so they are notified when items are posted on the website. She stated she would also look into more information in the newsletter. Mayor Braegger stated we welcome all

of you to attend the meetings. They are here every other Thursday and the Planning Commission meets the other weeks.

Lynn Kunzler asked if we are really being careful with our money. He stated he received his first significant raise in 20 years and received a 2.5% raise. He stated that doesn't even cover what the cost of gas has done to him in the last 20 years. Are we really being careful with our money and do we really need the trail going up the dike and stuff like that? Do we need fireworks shows 3 times a year or is one show enough? Lynn stated fireworks are pretty pricey and many cities can't afford it. He stated he does have to commend the City in the fact there are a lot of places, cities that have gone bankrupt. They couldn't handle the problems. You guys have done a good job keeping things going. Are we really doing all we can to make sure, because like he says it's not just the 61%, but the evaluation of his home the last 25 years is almost tripled and when you add that 61% is more like 100% over what it was a few years ago.

Katherine Price stated she did not know about the meeting until she spoke with one of her neighbors. She looked at her tax bill and she didn't see that little teeny tiny thing that said there is a meeting in Brigham City and one in Willard City. She didn't see it until she talked with this person and went back and looked at it. Teri Fellenz explained there were quarter page ads in the Box Elder News Journal. Lynn Kunzler stated he saw it in the Salt Lake Tribune and saw it on the news and heard it on the radio. Katherine stated she does look at the water bill when it comes in to see what's going on.

Maurine Buck stated she doesn't get a water bill because she pays ahead of time but says she finds out what is going on with the website and said you can get a copy of the paper. It was also noted there is a link on the Willard City website to the State of Utah public meeting notice website where they could pull up the agendas and minutes from previous meetings.

Cody Wright said to clarify this 61% warning bells went off, but to be clear this 61% is just on the little tiny portion. He stated my \$800 is going to be \$880. It was noted he was correct it was only on Willard City's portion of the property tax. He stated he would be happy to pay an extra \$100 a year to help the City out because it is a great City and especially if they didn't have to go with Ted's plan of quarter acre in-town lots.

Alecia Hatton-Silva-195 South Main- Stated she is a little ignorant because she hasn't been to these meetings. She stated from the comments there was obviously a meeting about taxes or a gravel pit. She stated that obviously those that are on her side, younger, and they don't really think about it. We didn't show up to the meeting about the gravel pit and the people that were against it were the ones that showed up. She stated her question is that now more people are informed if it possible for things like that to be relooked at now that if other people are saying I want to step up and be part of it? Council member Beebe responded that what they have to look at gravel pit development or whatever is that if a developer came in and wanted to build 1,000 homes. If anyone knows anything about construction it would be 6-9 months before they scoop dirt. There would need to be a few water upgrades, there are 44 homes we can develop. He said we have plenty of water, but we don't have water storage. He stated any options other than this are a year, two years, three years out.

Janis Branca – Asked if the Perry lawsuit had anything to do beyond the board members or is that including funds that are not being paid to Willard by Perry or is that just Perry's Mayor trying to get rid of Pettingill without having the proper approval. Mayor Braegger state he is not sure what that has to do with what they are talking about but he would be glad to discuss Willard's position on that after the meeting. She asked if there are funds they are not paying. Council member Beebe stated no. Mayor Braegger stated that would be an issue with the Sewer Fund and not with the tax increase.

Katherine Price said the raising of the taxes, she can see where they are coming from and asked if long term 4-5 years down the road is it going to solve the problem we are having now or are they kicking the can down the road and our kids end up paying the consequences. Mayor Braegger stated every year is a matter of kicking the can down the road. Willard City does not have money to run around in new trucks and provide all the greatest equipment so this tax increase is getting us by. Council member Mund stated they are looking at ways they can make more money and if there are possibilities they will look at them whether it be a gravel pit, an ambulance or whatever. She said they don't want to take on liabilities, they want something that will make money for the City so we don't have to continue to do this. They want to look ahead to see where they can do to generate revenue. Katherine asked if there was a possibility of bring the gravel pit back and bringing it to a vote of the people. The Council stated anything is possible. It was also noted that it is hard to look into the crystal ball and predict what it is going to be like in five years. It was stated that no one in 2007 had any idea they would be waiting on a vote from the government as to whether they would get a paycheck or not. It was also explained to the audience that the budget, reports and independent audit reports are all on the State of Utah Auditor's website and if they have any additional questions to please ask.

Mayor Braegger opened the time up for public comment on the budget and proposed tax increase. He asked that residents stand and state their name and address and they would have 3 minutes.

Clay Yardley – 1007 N Main – He doesn't want their job, he doesn't like politicians. He stated he appreciates what they are doing. He stated he has a problem with the budget, he doesn't think they are taxing them enough and this is the reason why. You put law enforcement on the street with that many miles, that's mean. You are not taking care of them. The best thing they do is keep the dope going on I-15 so the drug dealers don't go by our place and say Hey' I'll just go steal that." That's best thing they do. So if there is anything you can do to help us to help them, I'm for it. I'm with Cody \$100 sounds good to me. He stated he grew up on a farm and his dad always asked him are we making money or are we saving money? I think all you guys are doing is saving money and I think we need to make money and that's to prevent things in the future. He stated he worked out of Ogden for a long time and they're in big trouble with their water system and we don't want to be there. If an earthquake comes through here, we're in a bad situation. He commended them for what they are doing and his complaint is they are not taxing him enough even though he doesn't want them tax him a dime because he doesn't have it.

Robert Hatton – Stated he came to the meeting because he saw the 61% shock factor. He stated they have done a great job of explaining what and why and the bottom line to him. He commended them for that. He stated honestly he is struggling more now than he was then. Anything where there is a tax increase concerns him, but they have justified it to him and stated he appreciates that. He stated he wanted to make a comment about the Fire Department. He stated these gentlemen saved this daughter's life a few years ago and without

them she wouldn't be here to make a comment if it wasn't for them, they are great. He stated we need to support you and we appreciate you.

Clyde Westly – 221 E 100 S – Stated he didn't come down to make a comment but couldn't help himself. He said before they lose our audience a lot of people were speaking for the gravel pit and if that's the way it goes, he can see the handwriting on the wall. The fact is you talk about how much water we have, the property you were going to annex as a conditional use, that property as he understands it was bought to protect our water, the spring that provides our water. People need to know that if we allow that conditional use that includes all the water that is up there. Clyde also asked how much material is really available. He said he thinks Wynn Zundel made a post in Willard Residents and anyone can read that, questioning that fact because that is a good question. And who is going to say how much money you're going to get per ton, per truck whatever. Let's just say \$1, but when it comes right down to it, what if it is \$.15. He said he thinks the City needs to make sure if they're taking that gravel that the City is getting the money they're telling us that they're going to get.

Janis Branca – 1107 N Main – Stated before she moved here she lived in West Jordan. Her lot was under ¼ acre and she had a 2200 sq. ft. house and paid almost \$2,000 in property tax on that home. She stated it was taxed on a value of \$160,000. She stated they moved here and she lives on 2 acres, has a barn, a well and a 3,600 sq. ft. house and her property taxes are nowhere near what they were in West Jordan. She stated the services she receives here are so much better. She stated she was telling Suzie (a member of the audience) that in West Jordan her neighbor was beating his child. He had the child, a teenage boy, on the ground kicking him and punching him. She called the police, 911 and it took 45 minutes for them to respond. She said when her daughter left her husband who was abusive, and moved back home with her, they heard someone try and kick in their door one night. Two minutes from calling 911 someone was at her door. They checked her property, they went down to her barn, they did patrols while they were on service, and they arranged Perry to continue those patrols to protect her family. She said she couldn't get that in West Jordan paying \$2,000 per year. If she has to pay \$100 more a year she'll do it. She stated they have had a 75% decrease in pay since October of last year. From where they were last year to now \$24,000 a year isn't cutting it. She has sold animals and changed a lot of things. Vehicles, she stated she has a 96 suburban and what she has paid on repairs on that in the last 5 years would have bought a brand new suburban. \$2600 for a new transmission and 3 weeks later it is not running. She said when they are buying a new vehicle for our use to maintain the roads, plow the streets, put out fires, or respond to emergencies. West Jordan they buy brand new vehicles, brand new fire trucks, brand new emergency stuff. We are doing it piece meal and we have damn good services for what we are paying. There are those that say tear out the gravel pit do this do that, don't make me pay for the services I am using. Coming from a big town to this and what she is getting or her money, she'll pay that money. Her butt can stand one less bag of Oreos a month to pay for it.

Lynn Kunzler – 130 W 100 S – The comments he has on the general budget process, well normally he thinks for the most part they are doing a pretty good job. The one thing that distresses him and he thinks we see it with the sewer project is that we budgeted and planned expecting a lot of growth in the future and like you said we don't know what will happen in the future. He said it is one thing to have the infrastructure we need that would maybe handle some new growth, but he doesn't think we should be putting in a 12 inch water main anticipating that in 5 years we might have another 500 houses to service off that main. When in reality an 8 inch main would cost maybe 1/3 less but is going to be really adequate for what's there with a little bit of growth on there. He would just ask as you look at the budgeting process and look especially at major expenses. He said that we look at not basing that need

and getting it now thinking that we're going to have the future growth to pay for it in the future. He said let's make sure we're getting what we got and can afford now and if it will help with growth fine, but if not he still thinks we need to be on the conservative side of things.

Ted Baird – 175 W Center – Stated he thinks the City does a great job and the Police force does a great job and the fire department, but if you don't make a plan you are going to be doing the same thin in 4-5 years. He said because it's going to come on twice as fast as the last one. It will be twice as fast if you don't have a plan. Please make a plan.

Cody Wright – 95 S 100 W – Stated he just has a suggestion. He said it seems a little bit, he said we have lots available to build on, it is not like we have a shortage of lots. He feels our town is a little uninviting with some of the fees and hoops people want to jump through. Sometimes less fees mean more people and taxes. Sometimes less is more. Just a thought to chew on. He said he knows people that wanted to move here and the said "I'm not paying that" and they can build somewhere else for less. And businesses, he has friends that want to start business here and there were just so many hoops to jump through and he is running a \$30,000,000 a year business he wishes we had it here.

Suzie Radke – 450 N 200 W – Stated they lived in South Weber and she worked for Clearfield City. She said S. Weber made it so hard for people to build homes and there is zero commercial anything because they made it so hard for them. Clearfield City also made it really hard for commercial development. Both of those cities now are in a big hurt because they have no tax base. She stated she agrees with what Ted said. Make a plan and if you want to have residents move in, make it a friendly process. Don't make it so prohibitive because coming from S. Weber and working for Clearfield, both of them did it and they just shot themselves in the foot.

Heidi Beames – Stated she wanted to say once again she came out already to blast them. She was getting a big tax increase and she said she was very indignant. She thanked them for educating her because now she realizes in light of what was said in the media, really compared to a town our size we're paying 1/3 to 1/2 of what they are paying percentage wise. She said working for the Federal Government she realizes there is only so much you can cut until you cut to the bone and now you have to pay so much more you could have saved. You are cutting pennies to spend dollars and it really doesn't make sense. She again said thank you and she wasn't for it but she sees now that it's got to happen. She stated she doesn't like taxes any more than the next guy, but she also liked that they showed that there's a commercial tax too. She said thank you and she appreciates it and she is very glad she came and thank you for educating her and she agrees it is time, you have been putting it off so long and it is time to take care of some stuff at home.

Dennis Stapley – 1112 N Main – The only reason he was there is the shock factor. He saw the 60% increase and that is why he came. He stated the amount isn't that much but the increase was. He asked if he could make a suggestion that rather than make one big jump like that, make 1, 2, or 5% increments. Plan ahead for example sounds like we need a new fire truck or police cars among other things. Instead of at the last minute put a 1 or 2% increase in the budget and set the money aside for that instead of all the sudden a 60% increase.

Katherine Price – 412 W Center Street – She stated the shock factor was bad. She stated she loves this town and they have been here going on their 16th year. She wouldn't want to live anywhere else. She said she has been to New York, Europe, and everywhere. This is where they want to live. The police department has been good to work with them. The fire department they can't say enough about them and the City you do really good. She stated she doesn't

begrudge the budget. We'll tighten our belts a little more and pay \$100 more that's what we're going to have to do. She stated she agrees with Ted and some of the others to get a plan and put money aside and budget out for things you know you are going to need. She also offered to help if they needed something done. She is not afraid to work hard.

Cody Wright – Said dump the Trunk or Treat and save that money. Mayor Braegger explained money for that is donated to cover the cost.

Mayor Braegger also addressed the 200 West Trail and stated the trail has been constructed with grant money and not money from the general budget. He said the Debris Basin project is also being constructed with grant funds that are designated only for that project. Council member Beebe stated they did the trail project under budget and have not used all the funds.

Fred Ward – Stated grant money is obtained for the projects and asked when they are complete does the City receive grant money to maintain them or does Willard maintain them. Mayor Braegger stated it would fall upon the citizens of Willard. Fred said so down the road it will cost us more and the Mayor agreed. Mayor Braegger said they are trying to be wise about the things they are building to insure that they are getting the best bang for the buck and the citizens are able to enjoy and use those things. He said it is no different than a city park. They are not cheap to maintain and we're able to use them. He stated there are people that have a desire to use the trails up in the dike. He said we're trying to make it as maintenance free as possible with the money we have so it is not a big burden later on. Fred Ward said that is his concern as a citizen. Those costs are put in basically for entertainment in his view. He stated they need to look at maintaining the fire truck, keeping the police department. Council member Braegger stated they all use them and addressed Fred that two of his grandkids are up there using them just like his kids. Fred said he understands that but we need to be prudent in watching the grant money and where you are going to spend it because bottom line is Willard City is going to pay for the maintenance.

Alecia Hatton – Stated she has lived here her entire life. She has been married and divorced twice, lived with my parents and she does not want to leave Willard if she can help it. She stated it is an amazing, amazing place for the most part. She stated she sees things that she has seen since she was a little tiny girl and she doesn't know how all the laws work. All she would like to see is maybe seeing outstretch on where things like building can come in and where businesses can come in. She said for example they have tried to do stuff on their property for years. They have wanted to open up a different business, build a bigger fruit stand. Wanted to build their own office for the dental lab rather than rent something in the center of town. There were always so many hoops and so many things that eventually was a no, but a lot of it boiled down to they want to expand and grow from the center of town out. She thinks that if there are people that are willing to try and bring some revenue into the town wherever they are located in the town that needs to be looked at thought about in a very strong way. Whether they are on the outskirts or the center of town. She said obviously they love this town and they want it to succeed. She said they were all upset about the tax but they understand why it is there and it makes sense and they want to help the town. She said that sometimes let the outsiders grow too.

Jo Baird - 175 W Center – Stated you all love Willard and she loves Willard. She said she can't say she has always said that. She said when they first moved here there were roosters running wild and she had a really hard time with that. She has grown accustomed to Willard and she loves it deeply. She stated she feels the major answer to what is going on her tonight is we need to make Willard a place that's going to attract people. People are going to want to come here. She said she has friends in Fruit Heights that say what on earth did you move to Willard

for and she tells them to come out. They come out and leave and say they understand. She said we need to get pride back in our city. We need to start cleaning up these stinking lots out here. She said I'm not talking about just empty lots, she is talking about our own personal homes. She added just because you don't have money doesn't mean you have to be trashy. Pick up the trash in your front yard. Make Willard a place where people are going to want to come and want to stay. She said the only way we are going to do that is us as citizens need to take the bull by the horns and say clean up our town and get some pride back.

Frank Ipsen – 95 W 100 S – He stated looking the budget proposed he doesn't understand and asked for some help with it. The 2014-15 revised over the actual looks very similar and asked if the changes in the 2014-15 are causing the increase. A discussion was held on the 2013-14 budget and the proposed 2014-15 budget. It was explained the changes in the 2014-15 budget were grants that were awarded during the year that were not originally budgeted for. Frank stated he is not one for growth in this city. He said some say they come from big cities. They come here because it is a nicer place. Keep it a nicer place because it is a small community.

Helen Jane Lemon – Stated she has lived here longer than anyone. She stated Teri did a great job at explaining it. She stated she was thrilled to see so many people there tonight and said everyone should recognize that Thursday nights at 6:30 is either Planning Commission or City Council unless they are cancelled. If only half came out and kept track of what was going on in the city it would be really great.

Larry Holmes – Stated he has sat there before and doesn't want to do it again. He said he's been through a lot and when he was on the Council there were water projects and everything else. He stated he even helps the city now fixing a couple of tractors. He said a tractor that was built probably in the 80's. He said the tractor is so outdated it probably shouldn't be used. He stated he commends you guys. It takes a lot to run this and sit on that side. All the facts and figures, he's been there and it's not easy. He said we didn't raise taxes and they got chewed out for trying to fix the water system that was outdated. He said they voted it down and two years later it cost over \$1,500,000 more to fix what they didn't do and they only put in a 500,000 gallon tank in instead of the million gallon tank that they voted down. Everyone said our forefathers thought of this. Our forefathers have thought of it and that's why we are in the predicament we are in and now if we don't look at it and build for the future we are going to be doing it all over again. He said I thank you guys.

No additional comments were received.

Council member Mund made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Council member Crossley. The vote was unanimous and the public hearing was closed at 8:20 p.m.

3. Business

a. Consideration of Resolution 2015-12 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2015-16 PROPOSED BUDGET AND SETTING THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE – Mayor Braegger presented the attached resolution approving the 2015-16 fiscal year budget. He asked if there was any discussion

Council member Crossley made a motion to approve resolution 2015-12 adopting the 2015-16 fiscal year budget. The motion was seconded by Council member Fredde. The motion carried with the following vote:

***Council member Beebe – yea
Council member Crossley – yea
Council member Fredde – yea***

***Council member Braegger - yea
Council member Mund - yea***

b. Introduction and swearing in of new part-time police officers. Chief Jean Loveland presented Mickie Austin, Crystal Holmes and Jon Stanford as the new hires for the part-time police positions. She explained Mickie will be working fill in as bailiff and with the evidence. She stated Mickie has already done much to get things organized and old evidence legally disposed of. Chief Loveland stated Crystal and Jon will be working patrol to provide more coverage relieving the 2 full-time officers and reducing the hours they each need to be on call. Recorder Teri Fellenz administered the oath of office.

c. Consideration of Resolution 2015-13 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRIGHAM CITY CORPORATION TO PROVIDE ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES. The attached resolution and agreement were presented to the Council members for approval. Chief Loveland explained stray animals that cannot be returned to their owners are taken to the Brigham City Animal shelter.

Council member Mund made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-13 and the motion was seconded by Council member Braegger. The motion carried.

***Council member Beebe – yea
Council member Crossley – yea
Council member Fredde – yea***

***Council member Braegger - yea
Council member Mund - yea***

d. Approval of minutes: The minutes of the July 9, 2015 meeting were reviewed.

Council member Mund made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Council member Crossley and the motion carried with the following vote.

***Council member Beebe – yea
Council member Crossley – yea
Council member Fredde – yea***

***Council member Braegger - yea
Council member Mund - yea***

e. Financial – The vouchers and warrants were presented to the Council for approval. The reports were individually reviewed.

- 1) Warrants
- 2) Vouchers
- 3) Reports

4. Department Reports

a. Maintenance Department – Council member Beebe reported they replaced the front tires on the backhoe.

b. Police Department – Chief Jean Loveland presented the attached report.

c. Fire Department - Chief Van Mund reported on the Fire on the Bay event at Willard Bay. He also gave a brief report on calls they responded to including the fire on the

mountain in Perry.

Chief Mund then reported they will be offering and Advanced EMT and one member of the department will be taking the class.

5. Council members

a. Robert Beebe- Council member Beebe stated the parking area is scheduled the 1st of next week and Parsons will also be shouldering the areas where they have overlaid the streets. The drinking fountain for the trail has been ordered.

b. Mike Crossley

c. Del Fredde – Council member Fredde thanked those in attendance and stated he was glad to see so many people in attendance and it was the largest he has seen in 8 years.

1) Discussion on preparing a RFP to camera and clean sewer collection lines. Council member Fredde then explained the refinancing of the sewer bond and the decrease in the payment will allow for required maintenance. He explained the insurance company requires we camera and clean the lines every 3 years. It has not been done. He would like the move forward with preparing a Request for Proposals to camera and clean ½ of the lines.

d. Josh Braegger

1) Willard Creek Nature Park and Debris Basin update – Council member Braegger reported they have taken core samples and will have drawings out for bid on Monday. He also thanked everyone for being in attendance.

e. Michelle Mund – Council member Mund thanked everyone for coming. Council member Fredde thanked Teri for her presentation and said she did a great job.

6. Mayor's General Correspondence and Information – Mayor Braegger thanked the City staff and all the personnel and stated they are not paid what they are worth. He stated they get a great benefit from what they do. He also thanked all those who volunteer for different activities in Willard. He said they have a great 4th of July Celebration. He said the Founder's Day celebration dropped off a little this year. He said Willard Bay State Park is working to promote tourism in the area and he would like to capitalize on that and work on some joint activities to draw people to Willard where they will spend their money. He especially would like to do that with the Founder's Day Celebration. Council member Mund also noted the State paid for the majority of the fireworks for Founder's day. Mayor Braegger said Willard Bay received donations from sponsors. He also stated these activities wouldn't be possible if they didn't have individuals from the community volunteering to make them happen and appreciates all that do volunteer. Mayor Braegger stated they will continue to ask for volunteers for events. He said the Committee Chairs over the 4th of July for the last four years has done an awesome job, but they are to step down. He stated the bottom line is the events are only as good as the citizens make it and they are grateful for that. We have a great celebration for a minimal cost. He again thanked all those that volunteer.

7. Adjourn: A motion was made by Council member Fredde to adjourn, seconded by Council member Braegger, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes were read individually and approved on _____ August 27, 2015